

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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Great Drive For The Orphanage Set For Sunday June 12, 1921!

I Wonder Who or What Place Will Furnish The Money to Build The First Orphan House!

WE MUST GO FORWARD

Every Other Way is Blocked And This Leaves Only One Way to Go.

The Power And Wisdom of God is Greater Than all Opposition.

The blood in the human body does not circulate backward. The gates and valves and pockets all work together to keep the circulation going one way. The gates and valves in the waterworks system make the water flow out from the reservoir and there is no flowing backward. The steam that leaves the boiler goes out to run the great machinery and when the valves close behind at each stroke of the piston there is no going back into the boiler again. The only way it can go is forward to show its strength of power in driving the massive machinery.

Moses was God's appointed leader to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt up to the land of Canaan. Almost at the very first start they got into a trap so if there had been any way backward they surely would have been a retreat. But there they were, the sea in front, a great massive mountain on either side and Pharaoh and his great army just behind them. They were shut in on every side.

You can never know the thousands of thoughts and suggestions that rushed through that great man's brain for about the space of thirty minutes. He felt responsible for having that six hundred thousand men penned up there by the sea for they had followed his instructions or they would have remained in Egypt. How the old man's heart throbbed and ached as he suddenly awoke to the condition in which his whole army was thrown. Death would have been sweet to him for a few moments as the temptations ran the highest. He wished he had never been born. He wondered why some one else had not been chosen for that service instead of himself. He thought he had been following God's orders and was honest in thinking so, but surely if God had been leading He would have kept them out of such a snare.

Moses always did have my sympathy as I read the story. I wondered how he did so well and kept so cool and calm under the circumstances. Thousands of strong men would have failed in that dread spot. But he could not flee—he could not leave his men and let the whole army fall into the hands of Pharaoh. He could not turn and fight the Egyptian army because he was not prepared for war. He could launch no boats to carry that vast throng over the sea, and he could not construct a pontoon bridge and cross over. There he was with only one way open and that was closed by the sea. My heart throbs even now with emotional sympathy for that dear old man as I review the situation after thousands of years have told the tale of triumph.

The record does not say it, but it is not at all unlikely that a number of men and women were made enough at that dear old white haired saint to beat his brains out. And the whole company may have been on the verge of a revolt before the victory came. One can think of this with some degree of probability when we remember how they murmured a little later and threatened and almost made themselves a captain and turned back to Egypt. This view is not far fetched or imaginary when we peruse the record and read "And they said unto Moses, Because there was no grave in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? Is not this word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness." (Ex. 14:11, 12.)

But Moses had done what he did because he was pressed into it. He did not make himself a leader. This responsibility was forced upon him. When it was first mentioned to him he begged the Lord to select some one else—he could not talk well—he was not able, but there was no getting out of it. Moses was the man. And always after he was selected and put in to service there was no way for him but to go forward. And now when he was penned up by the side of the sea orders were given him, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward." O, what a task! What a vain command! How were they to go forward when there was nothing in sight ahead but a stretch of water?

Then think of giving such a command to that vast multitude who were almost ready then to slay him! Rebellion was in their hearts. Moses knew it. He was not a fool. His senses were keen and he knew of their complaint against him. How could he muster up courage to utter the command "Go forward," when to do so was only to plunge into that vast body of water—how absurd! how

ridiculous! Just as well tell them to lay down and die. But that faithful general mastered every cowardly spirit that may have tormented his brain and gave the command against all the opposition—in the face of all absurdities, and what the results might be. And, behold, they went forward—the sea opened before them, the farther shore was reached and all were safe—not a hoof was left behind.

Now look today! Make your own comparison. The sea wall of impossibilities in front of us—the world to evangelize, calls for preachers and help from every side, the awful financial depression, poverty and suffering on every hand, church houses to build, bills to pay, expenses increasing and profits decreasing, business on the drag, employment hard to get, the opposition to the Church of God rising, love of many waxing cold, traitors rushing into rebellion, all of these things and more!

You look to one side and there is the mountain of "vain jangling." (1 Tim. 1:6.) You can't go over that rocky steep. You look the other way for escape and there looms up the rocky heights and crags of cowardice and inability (1 Tim. 5:4, 5), behind is the awful roar of Satan who tries to push the unsuspecting child of God into some presumption and dare-devil affair. And to flee in that direction one meets up with the words, "Remember Lot's wife!" Then the heart cries out when all looks like a failure and defeat, what shall we do? And the only true Bible answer that ever comes is, "Arise and go forward." And now we are left with no other alternative, and all we can say, whether with the feeble voice of cowardice or the boldness of a hero, WE WILL GO FORWARD. And truly there is nothing else we can say—nothing else we can do.

I confess I have been looking for years for some way to evade the pressure that I saw coming—the responsibility that was going to fall upon him that was looked to to general the forces of the Great Church of God. I talked with my brethren about it. I urged them to select some one of extra ability, tact and wisdom. Some would be leaders wanted the place, but they had no support in their attempted campaign. And because they were not popular with the leaders they undertook seditious practices to pull off a following from a class that were not so settled in the way. They launched a campaign of rebellion, but where did it end? They succeeded in drawing off a few for a while and made their boasts of what they were going to do, and spent their force in vengeance upon the man that hitherto had brought relief by suggesting others for the place. But while the rebellion was raging, and the fight was on that little man felt as careless about it as the moon while the doggy was barking at it. The special source of consolation to that little man is the fact that he had no part in placing himself in the position, but he would have slipped away more times than one if by doing so another with greater ability and power could have been slipped in. But he did not dare to show the white feather and leave the troops without a general.

Yes, we will go forward. And I never have seen such a year for forward movements as this year has been. The revivals have been more powerful, the officers and ministers have been more faithful, the workers have made more sacrifices, the Sunday Schools have been more prosperous, more people are looking this way, the Evangel is going farther—nineteen thousand last week—the tract distribution campaign is a winner, multitudes are finding that they can do something for the Master by handing out tracts that have been almost like "spit-ins" all their lives before. No, sir, I never saw such a year. Everything going forward—but—but—I know of one who has lost more hours of sleep over one particular thing this year than—than—

And this reminds me of the story of Nehemiah: "And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that wine was before him; and I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence, wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art set at liberty? this is nothing else, but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid. And said unto the king, Let the king live forever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lies waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?" (Neh. 1:1-3.)

On account of the awful financial depression in the country there is not enough money in the treasury, and has not been this year, to supply the needs of the ministers who are working so faithfully winning souls for Jesus, and extending the good work in a general way. And this is one of the things that has been causing the sleepless hours of the little man referred to above. It hurts, and I can't tell how much it does hurt, to know of several hundred faithful workers out winning souls and giving their lives, and enduring hardships as good soldiers and then at the end of the month not get enough to pay their grocery bills and buy their wives and children the clothes and food they need.

I do not blame any one. People are paying their tithes and offerings as far as they can it seems, but with all of this the funds are insufficient. I know of one who has refused his allotment for two months because he felt he could not take it knowing that others were in need. A precious faithful minister in Florida wrote, "Please do not send me any more now. Others need it and I have procured a job that will help me along for a while, probably till this financial trouble is over." Another said, "I have been tempted to give up the ministry this year and get a job and help to support others and preach on Sundays and of nights." Some are doing this very thing. One wrote, "I have two churches I am looking after, they need my full time, but for the present I have decided to hold down a job and do my pastoral work of nights and Sundays, so you need not send me any money from headquarters."

I tell you, such spirits as these are heroes and heroines. With an army like these we can do nothing else but go forward. Every other way is blocked and this leaves only one way to go, and this is forward. No matter if there is a wide sea in front of us, by His grace we will go forward. I once heard a story of two armies that were drawn up in battle array, but before the battle was pitched the general of the large army suggested a parley with the general of the other. This was accepted and the two generals met to see if they could not agree upon some terms of peace. The general of the large army said, "Since I have an overwhelming number of troops at my command above what you have, and it is evident that you will be forced to surrender after a loss of most of your men, in order to save life and delay I suggest that you surrender now and thus spare the lives of our men." The other general listened till he was through and did not answer him a word, but looked as if he took the suggestion as an insult. And instead of replying to the general he called to one of his men who was standing near, "Go, leap over that precipice just over there, forward march!" Immediately, and without returning a word, he was off, and down, down he plunged, hundreds of feet and fell among the rocks and crags below and crashed his brains out and otherwise mangled his body.

When this was done in plain view of them all, and the first general standing with speechless amazement looking on he called to another soldier, "Come, take this sword and fall upon it and show the general how a brave man can die, coffee forward march!" Instantly, out marched the man in a straight course to his superior, took the sword from his hand, placed the point on his heart and the handle on the ground and over he went, welling in his blood while his life ebbed away.

This done, without giving time for the general to speak he called to another one of his guards and said, "Bill, come to my side and take this pistol, place it on your temple and fire. Show the gentleman that you are not afraid to die for the sake of your country and the cause you have espoused. Come forward march!" And without a glance to the right or left he marched out as with the nerve of steel, held himself erect as he came, took the run, and without the least hesitation obeyed orders, placed the muzzle on his temple and fired.

After these three men had taken their own lives in obedience to their superior he paused and looked his antagonist in the face, but said not a word. And by this time the heretofore brave warrior was almost colorless in his face at what he had witnessed. With some effort he cried out, "How many men have you in your army that you can depend upon for obedience like the three who have demonstrated their training and obedience here before you?" The answer came quickly and firmly, "All of 'em sir, all of 'em!" Then here's my sword, here's my hand," cried the other, "I'll never put my men in battle array against an army like that. Here we are at your command!" And the battle was over. The lives of only three men were gone, when on the other hand, if the fight had been entered into, thousands of women would have been left widows, and multitudes of children would have been left orphans. War knows no mercy. "War is hell," said General Sherman of Civil War fame.

Indeed our army of ministers is small, and they number less perhaps than any other religious order, but a little army that can be depended upon

like that can never be beaten. I feel we have such an army. I never heard of so many that have proven their loyalty like our ministers. They take the hard places, they take the easy places, they are all alike to them. No murmur, no complaint. I love them beyond compare! I wish I could take them in my arms one by one to-night and plant a kiss upon their cheeks. And they love in return. I tell you, the world knows no such love as exists between us. And the money system that was put in motion at the last Assembly is constantly drawing us all closer together because we feel one another more, and are willing to make sacrifices to help one another. I fully believe, that, as soon as the business of the country picks up again so our laborers can get employment, and our business men can get sales for their products, we will see the windows of heaven fly open and down will come the blessings, both spiritual and temporal that will pay us all for going through the hardships that are on now.

This is a time to show our loyalty and feel the pressure at the same time. The man that goes through today successfully will be a hero tomorrow. I believe what we have now are much like Gideon's three hundred. And while they shouted at the command of Gideon, and broke their pitchers at his command and let their lights flash out over the battlefield in a manner that startled the army of their enemies, and confused them so they lost their heads till they could not fight, those faithful heroes rushed on in pursuit without food or refreshments, "faint, yet pursuing them," till every foe was vanquished and the full victory won.

I believe we have nearly five hundred men and women in the ministry who are of the same stripe. Such fiery enthusiasm I never read of as is in our workers today. They can hardly hold themselves. They are ready to live by the Bible and work their lives away for the lost of earth, or they are ready to die by it and remain true to the last.

I tell you, the further I go with this message, the deeper and fierier my love gets for all you know who I mean. It is now almost twelve, but must say, there is something going on from me tonight that seems to be like a stream of light. I see it as it fades in the distance. Oh, that it may reach the one farthest away as well as those nearer by. And may it encourage and cheer the one that may be fainthearted and discouraged, so he may pick up and start over again. I wish I could tell you how much I love every one of you, and how it grieves my heart when we are not able to send as much help to the ministers as I know they need. But you may count on me sharing the rub with you, no matter how hard the battle gets. Now it is 12, Good night.

THE HOLY GHOST

Mrs. Dea Laquey

Dear Evangel Family:

Just a few thoughts on the Holy Spirit that dwells in our mortal bodies. The Holy Ghost has no body. He is a Spirit seeking a dwelling place that is pure and good, so He may help that soul to live in this life above the darts of the devil. A good man (or woman) does not like the company of the man that is not good; the Holy Spirit is the same way. He is at work for the good Master and of course can not dwell in unclean temples.

The person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells has untold strength and with Him to help us, we can do anything. He is the wire from earth to heaven where the power is and is never out of working order. When we do all we can, then He can do more.

Jesus said the time was and would come again when the true worshippers would worship Him in spirit and in truth. Dear ones, when we get so transformed from this world by taking our minds off of earthly things and putting them on heavenly things, we can meditate day and night in Him. Then the Holy Ghost is pleased and likes to stay in His place and He will stay and give us good and precious things.

Jesus said that He would take of the Father and show it unto us by the Holy Ghost. O how precious He is; one that can bring us news direct from heaven if we will be quiet-like men and listen. I get anxious sometimes for a message from Him, and will be glad to make Him a welcome guest. Dear ones, stop and think. He is our teacher. Do we love Him? If we don't we can't learn like we ought to. You can take the best teacher in the world and if he can't get our attention he can't teach us much; but if we learn to love him and then study right hard we can get along fine.

But listen, beloved, we have to learn to read, write and spell before we can take a course in Banking or Book-keeping or any other course. Just so in the spiritual school; we must get saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost before we can go on to perfection, or in other words, take up some of the gifts. Paul says, in Heb. 6:1, "Let us go on unto perfec-

THE ORPHANAGE

WORK MUST GO

There is Only One Thing to do And That is to Build.

Those Dear Little Hands That Are Reaching up Must be Taken.

Last week we gave notice that a great drive for the Orphanage would be made soon. There have been rapid developments since the announcement was made, and the time has been agreed upon.

I find that the Orphanage enthusiasm is running high—much higher than I knew of two weeks ago. The little hands reaching up, and the pitiful voices saying, "take me," have started the fire, and the blaze is now rising and leaping and it seems to be spreading so rapidly that "hard times" are forgotten, and nothing else will satisfy but laying the foundations of a number of cottages and building thereon.

The city of Cleveland is launching a campaign to raise money for the first building. We are all enthused about it. Business men of the city outside of the church are placing their approval upon the movement, and we think in a few days the whole town will be ablaze with Orphanage enthusiasm. The city will be flooded with orphanage literature and the campaign will be on in earnest.

Quite recently a letter from the great state of Illinois brought information that was a glad surprise. It stated boldly that the Orphanage enthusiasm had struck there and they were ready for the campaign that would be launched on the 12th of June, and that inside of sixty days thereafter Illinois will have a building erected on the Orphanage grounds in Cleveland, Tennessee as a special mark of interest in the orphans by that state.

I am sure this bit of news will cause a vibration in many hearts. I am listening for similar news from other states, churches and individuals. We are going to lay down any thought of hard times and make preparation to take care of the little ones. We feel compelled by an unseen power to push this campaign with all our energy and power.

Now listen:

Let every church make a special announcement for an Orphanage campaign to open on Sunday, June 12, 1921. Let them select a speaker or prepare a short program or both and at a proper time give opportunity for contributions, donations, and pledges. Let each church appoint a committee to gather up all the orphans they can find in the neighborhood and bring them to the meeting and seat them on the platform. If it is possible and appropriate it would add to the interest of the orphanage work for them to sing a song or at least all stand and say, "We are orphans, please remember the orphans," or something appropriate for the occasion. I appeal to all the overseers and ministers in behalf of the orphans, please remember the orphans, little homeless darlings to take up this business with all of your hearts and push it with all your might. Let this be a special day set apart to remember the orphans.

By way of fuller explanation and information it is stated that a house in a suitable place will be prepared for them.

That means we are ready for our great teacher to take of the Father and show it unto us.

Another thing; you know a teacher can't teach you unless you are interested. Some children go to school for a long time and seemingly do not learn anything, while others study hard and learn fast. It is the same way with God's children. I used to go to school with a girl that made me think of some Christians today. She would sit at her desk and play and when the teacher scolded her she would cry and that was all he could get her to do. Since she would not study she didn't learn anything. Some of God's children are the same way. When they get the Holy Ghost they don't seem to want anything else, and when their teacher chastises them, they pray a little and then quit. But, beloved, it is our privilege to learn something. Listen, at James 1:5 he says "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God that giveth to all men liberally and up braideth not; and it shall be given him." So let us try to learn something.

In his Epistle to Timothy, Paul says, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Do you know why he said this, dear ones? He knew there would come a time to recite and if you haven't learned your lesson well you will be ashamed and probably fall completely. I want to be obedient and love my teacher. Hoping all who read this will do the same.

colored children too, and I'm sure this information will be hailed with gladness by our colored people. It is our purpose to give them as much consideration in proportion as we do the others. We are considering a location and just as soon as there are demands and means sufficient, property will be purchased and the work started. Orphans are orphans and they must all be given a home where they can be trained up for usefulness in the world and for God.

STORY OF AN ORPHAN
"If I could have your faith, gladly would I—but I was born a skeptic. I cannot look upon God and the future as you do."

So said John Harvey as he walked with a friend under a dripping umbrella. John Harvey was a skeptic of thirty years standing and apparently hardened in his unbelief. Everybody had given him up as hopeless. Reasoning ever so calmly made no impression on the rocky soil of his heart. Alas! it was sad, very sad!

But one friend had never given him up. When spoken to about him—"I will talk with and pray for that man until I die," he said; "and I will have faith that he may yet come out of darkness into the marvelous light."

And thus whenever he met him (John Harvey was always ready for a "talk.") Mr. Hawkins pressed home the truth. In answer, on that stormy night he said: "God can change a skeptic, John. He has more power over your heart than you, and I mean still to pray for you."

"Oh, I've no objections, none in the world—seeing is believing, you know. I'm ready for any miracle; but I tell you it would take nothing short of a miracle to convince me. Let's change the subject. I'm hungry and it's too far to go up town to supper on this stormy night. Here's a restaurant; let us stop here."

How warm and pleasant it looked in the long, brilliant dining saloon! The two merchants had eaten, and were just on the point of rising when a strain of soft music came from an open door—a child's sweet voice.

"Pon my word, that is pretty," said John Harvey; "what purity in those tones!"

"Out of here, you little baggage!" cried a hoarse voice, and one of the waiters pointed angrily to the door. "Let her come in," said John Harvey.

"We don't allow them in this place, sir," said the waiter, "but she can go into the reading-room."

"Well, let her go somewhere. I want to hear her," responded the gentleman. All this time the two had seen the shadow of something hovering backwards and forwards on the edge of the door; now they followed a slight little figure, wrapped in a patched cloak, patched hood, and leaving the mark of wet feet as she walked. Curious to see her face—she was very small—John Harvey lured her to the farthest part of the great room where there were but few gentlemen, and then motioned her to sing. The little one looked timidly up. Her cheek was of olive darkness, but a flush rested there, and out of the thinnest face, under the arch of broad temples, deepened by masses of the blackest hair, looked two eyes whose softness and tender pleading would have touched the hardest heart.

"That little thing is sick, I believe," said John Harvey, compassionately. "What do you sing, child?" he asked.

"I sing Italian, or a little English," John Harvey looked at her shoes. "Why," he exclaimed, and his lips quivered, "her feet are wet to her ankles; she will catch her death of cold." By this time the child had begun to sing, pushing back her hood, and folding before her her little fingers. Her voice was wonderful, and simple and common as were both her words and the pathos of the tones drew together several of the merchants in the reading-room. The little song commenced thus:

"There is a happy land,
Far, far away."

Never could the voice, the manner, of that child be forgotten. There almost seemed a halo round her head, and when she had finished, her great speaking eyes turned towards John Harvey.

"Look here, child; where did you learn that song?" he asked. "At the Sunday-school, sir."

"And you don't suppose there is a happy land?" he continued, heedless of the many eyes upon him. "I know there is; I'm going to sing there," she said, so quietly, so decidedly.

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of Abbeville, Ga. for the crate of nice
vegetables sent us quite recently.

Home Mission Sunday falls on the
twelfth of June this time. This
is a great work and needs liberal sup-
port.

Do not get confused about the doc-
trine. Stick to the simple plain teach-
ing, this is the safest. Some are all
the time trying to get up something
new to be different from others and
have it to say, "I have discovered new
light." This is not always safe.

The Book does not say, Born again,
and again, and again, it only says, "Ye
must be born again." It is not good
to add something that the Bible does
not teach. It is very important for
every one to be born again. The first
is a natural birth, the born
again is a spiritual birth.

It is only a few days now until the
Sunday-schools will need to begin to
order their literature for the next
quarter. The orders should be increas-
ed in proportion to the increase of the
number in the school. And it seems
that almost all the schools are in-
creasing in number.

If you want a nice Bible we have it.
Send for our price list if you are in-
terested. We have the Bible cases
made to fit your Bible. The price
varies with the size. Give size of your
Bible and write for price. The Ladies
Hand Bags are still going at \$2.75
each, post paid.

We do not want the churches to quit
until every one is definitely organized
according to the instruction of the As-
sembly. This divides the members into
classes of ten or twenty each with
a class leader for each class. This is
for the purpose of closer fellowship
and better care one for another.

The work that was planned to fol-
low the Sunday-school census reports
has been hindered because so many of
the churches have failed to send in
their reports. I hope the churches who
have faithfully discharged their duty
in this respect will not become dis-
couraged while we are waiting on the
others. I am sure that the work al-
ready done is not in vain for it has
certainly stirred up lots of Sunday-
school interest. 240 churches have
done their work faithfully and sent
in their reports. Many thanks to all
of them.

There are many reasons why we
should make special effort to increase
the Evangel, but the main one is to
get the messages it contains before
more people. I see no reason why we
cannot almost double the circulation
in a little while if all of its lovers and
readers will work to this end and ev-
ery subscriber make it a point to get
at least one subscriber. This is very
important and I wish to make a loving
appeal to every one to make this one
more special effort. And we will fur-
nish extra copies and subscription
sheets to any that will undertake a
regular canvass. Do all of this for
Jesus' sake and the good of the cause.
The Lord will surely reward you.

Be sure and read all about the OR-
PHANAGE DRIVE set for Sunday,
June 12. I find that many are already
becoming much enthused about it and

are rejoicing because the drive is
called "Well, it seems that we have
put it off as long as we can, and we
are now looking for a "landslide," in
contributions, pledges, and individ-
uals, cities, churches or states taking
upon themselves the responsibility of
building a house. We are not lim-
iting this drive to our own church peo-
ple, we want to make every body feel
glad to help in this work, and in an-
nouncing the special meeting for June
12, special invitation should be given
to all who are interested in taking
care of the orphans.

Working to Save Souls

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Saints—
Greetings in Jesus' Name:
I am a young man twenty-five
years old and have read the Bible
ever since I was a small child, trying
to memorize it. I joined the Metho-
dist Church, South, at the age of eleven
and lived a Christian as best I could
and the dear Lord called me to preach
His Word. As I studied the Bible with-
out an instructor, I learned that there
was something to preach I had never
heard preached before and the Lord
revealed to me that it was sanctifica-
tion and holiness through the power
of the Holy Ghost, and He touched me
with power.

As time went feeling by, Satan dis-
couraged me, saying I was too young
to preach the gospel, that people would
laugh at me. So I gave heed to his
talk and disobeyed God's call, staying
off in sin but always hearing the
sweet loving voice, "Go preach My
Gospel."

But Satan kept me down. He showed
me the pleasures and treasures of
this world and told me that I didn't
have any good clothes to wear nor
any money, and I couldn't preach so
I didn't go but kept traveling the
downward road of destruction. I mar-
ried at the age of eighteen, a sweet
and noble girl who has made me a
loving companion. There has been
given to us, four little jewels but the
Lord took two of them to be with Him
and at the death of each He warned
me that worse things would come up
on me if I didn't heed the call.

In the summer of 1919 I had the
opportunity of hearing a Church of
God preacher preach the gospel that
just suited my longing heart and it
wasn't long until the Lord saved,
sanctified and filled me with the Ho-
ly Ghost according to Acts 2:4. I en-
joyed more pleasure in one minute
when I received the blessing than I
ever did in all my life.

Then, loving friends, I could still
hear the same voice telling me to
preach. When I began to get ready to
preach His Word, a very dear and
precious soul to me told me that "I
was needed at home and I put it off
again and lost all power with God."

What a miserable life I have spent
for about eighteen months. But I do
love the Church of God and all her
teachings and want to see her rise
higher and shine brighter. I am go-
ing to do my best for her. Now, I am
handing out tracts and papers and
have sent in my name as a representa-
tive to handle tracts in Neshoba
County. There is no Church of God
here and it has never been preached
here so I ask all who read this to
pray that God will send a Church of
God preacher here this summer. I am
going to canvass the country and
give out all the tracts I can. I
want other people to get the blessing
I once had. I pray that God will
give me the blessing once more. I want
all who read this to pray that I may
get the blessing I once had and if He
will send me the Comforter once more
I will preach His holy Word until He
calls me home.

Your unworthy brother,
B. M. Sanderson,
Philadelphia, Miss.

Reading the Evangel Creates a Desire

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All of
God's Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name.

As I read the beautiful testimonies
and reports of various miracles it
creates a greater desire in my heart to
get closer to my King.
I praise Him this evening for the
peace that passeth all understanding
and the joy that flows through my in-
nermost being. Dear ones, I want to
get closer to God, I want to be wholly
lost in His love.

Dear saints, I want each one of you
to pray that the walls of unbelief will
be crumbled here and that God will
send some one to help in a revival
soon. Also that God will baptize many
souls with the Holy Ghost and fire.
A sister in Christ,
Mrs. E. D. Jones,
Newport, N. C.

"Feels the Fire Buring"

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the
Saints Scattered Abroad:

I want to praise God for this love
and for leading me out of darkness into
His marvelous light.
I once walked according to the
course of this world, but now I have
put on the New Man (Christ Jesus),
and have been made free from sin and
death. Jesus has kept me for five
years and I find Him all I need in
every test. I now realize I have a
place to fill in this great work. I want
to go and do my best with God's help.
O, I feel the fire burning in my soul,
I must go and tell this lost and dying
world about Jesus. There are many
precious souls here that need the true
gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray that many may be brought in-
to the fold. I am not a member of
the Church of God, but I long to be,
for I believe it is the only true church.
There is no church here, only a few
saints.

I am so glad I obeyed the Lord and
went to the river and was baptized.
I have taken the Lord's supper and
washed the saints' feet. Jesus said
obedience is better than sacrifice. I
have many trials and temptations but
I thank and praise God for giving me
grace to overcome.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. T. W. Hays,
Joiner, Ark.

REQUESTS

C. H. Gaskins, Washington, N. C. re-
quests prayer that his eyes may be
healed.

Mrs. Liddia Longworth, Straight
Creek, Ky. requests prayer to be
healed.

Robt. West, Columbia, S. C. requests
prayer to be healed of tuberculosis.

W. R. Rolfe, Brandon, Ky. requests
prayer to be healed of lung trouble.

Mrs. J. T. Sturges, Live Oak, Fla., re-
quests prayer to be healed of rheu-
matism and catarrh.

Mrs. Jessie Holt, Maydan, N. C. re-
quests prayer to be saved before it
is too late.

Maude M. Meekins, Fork, S. C. re-
quests prayer that her father and
loved ones may be saved before it is
too late.

Mrs. Lucy Chapple, Rockingham, N. C.
requests prayer to be saved and
be healed of ulcers on one of her
limbs.

Mrs. Maggie Hurley, High Point, N. C.
requests prayer for her three broth-
ers to be saved also for her mother
to see the light on the Church of
God.

Gladdis Willis, Tillatoba, Miss. re-
quests prayer to be healed, as she
is very low.

Lillie Collum, Maud, Okla. requests
prayer that God will send a Church
of God man there to preach the full
gospel.

Mrs. Hattie Gann, Stokesdale, N. C. re-
quests prayer to be healed and saved,
sanctified and baptized with the
Holy Ghost.

Mr. Roy Williams, Lexington, N. C.
requests prayer to be saved and re-
ceive the Holy Ghost also that his
wife may be healed and receive the
Holy Ghost.

Mrs. J. R. King, Lake Wales, Fla. re-
quests prayer for a Church of God
preacher to come there and
give the light on the true gospel.
Also pray for her husband to be
saved, sanctified and baptized with
the Holy Ghost.

Saw the Light and Walked in It

Dear Brother Tomlinson and the
Saints Scattered Abroad:

I want to praise God for a full and
free salvation. Bless His dear name
for what He is to me, I can't praise
Him enough for the way He watched
over me when I was back in sin.

Wife and I have had the Holy Ghost
nearly two years and it is just as
sweet today as it was then. I remem-
ber well when I first heard of the Ho-
ly Ghost. I moved to Tyrnosa, Ark.
close to where some people were hold-
ing up God's Word. I began to go and
the more I went the more I wanted to
go. Brother Jno. Burke and Frank
Dover went there to preach. The text
was the sixteenth chapter of Mark
which told about the signs following
those who believed. I began wanting
all God had for me.

Oh, how I love the people of Tyrnosa,
may God bless their dear hearts
and help every one of them. I will
never forget the last night of the
meeting just before we left there. We
all expressed our hope of meeting a-
gain where we would part no more
and that is always fresh on my mind
when the devil is around. By the help
of God I will keep my promise.

Well, praise God for Higen. The
saints there are all on fire for God.
We have had some good meetings
here and the Lord blesses very much.
I live five miles from Higen. Brother
Charlie Coats and Sister Fannie
Duncan came and held a few days
meeting and someone brought in a
moccasin snake which was handled
successfully. Brother Charlie asked
all who believed that that was the
power of the Lord to hold up their
hand and almost every one there held
up his hand. Praise God for His
Word and His power.

Your brother in Jesus,
Joe Allison,
Higen, Ark.

The Lord is Still Bless- ing

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the
Saints—Greetings in the Blessed
Name of Jesus:

I am still praising God for victory
over sin and for what He has done
for this place also for giving the saints
overcoming power. I am so glad that
we can look to Jesus when it seems
as if the whole world is against us
and hear the sweet voice telling us
that He will never forsake us nor
leave us alone. Praise the Lord! I
have the determination to go through
more than ever before. I love the
Church of God because it makes you
live a clean life and no unclean thing
can go therein.

Come on, saints, let's get out in deep
water. Let us put on the whole armor
of God and be not afraid. I praise
God for His dear Son who gave Him-
self for us that we might be redeemed
from sin.

I'm glad I am in the way that the
prophet Isaiah tells us about: "And an
highway shall be there, and a way,
and it shall be called the way of holiness;
the unclean shall not pass over it."
Isaiah 35:8. I know the people
despise and hate us but Jesus said
that they hated Him before they hated
us.

When Satan was cast out of heaven,
he began to plan revenge on Christ
and he has tried to put the Church of
God to flight but has failed because
God's power was greater than his.

Your sister under the blood,
Mrs. H. J. French,
Trinity, Tex.

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Healed By Faith

Dear Saints Everywhere:
As I read in this testimony it is
according to God's precious will. On
Saturday evening as I was getting
ready to bathe the children my little
girl four years old stepped into the
boiling water in the tub. Her foot
was scalded and she was frantic with
pain. As Jesus is our healer we be-
gan to call upon Him but for some
cause we could not get Him. My
child was suffering awful agony and
the enemy tried to tempt me to do
something for her myself but I would
not listen to him for I knew that Je-
sus was able to heal without any as-
sistance of mine. As I went down be-
fore Him the third time Jesus said,
"Will you send in your testimony to
the Evangel if I will heal her?" I prom-
ised that I would and my child drop-
ped off to sleep at once. The next
morning the child said, "Mama, Je-
sus took all the fire out of my foot."
Oh, how I praise such a wonderful
Saviour.

I am praising Him for the way He
has worked in Fostoria. Brothers
Moreland and Twig started a revival
meeting here on January the twenti-
eth and they preached and prayed
down conviction on the people. Then
Brother and Sister Haynes came and
carried the revival on. The Lord blessed
from the very start. Brother
Haynes tried to close the meeting
April 10 but God saw best to carry it
on so we let Jesus have His way.
Several were saved, sanctified and
filled with the blessed Holy Ghost and
the revival closed April 27, the
Lord still blessing.

When we first started the meeting
there were only six or seven people
present but the last night the hall,
which seats one hundred and fifty
people, was almost full of hungry peo-
ple. Dear ones, this has been a hard
place but if you are in a hard place
today, just remember that the Word
tells us that if Jesus is lifted up He
will draw all men unto Him.

I held on here alone for about six
months when the Lord sent Sister Blasey
from Toledo, Ohio to help
me. We held on for over a year
through sickness, discouragements and
persecutions but as long as the Lord
provided, the money to keep the hall
open we couldn't close it up. Dear
friends, as I looked last night into
the happy shining faces I had to
praise my blessed Saviour because He
stood by us and helped us to hold on.
Pray for Fostoria that God will con-
tinue to bless here.

Your sister in Christ,
Mrs. Della Bower,
Fostoria, Ohio.

A Dream and the Inter- pretation

Mrs. Ida McCoy,
Dear Sister:

I am sending you my dream to be
interpreted. Here is the dream:

I was going on a narrow road up
a steep hill and when I was almost to
the top I heard some one talking and
thought it was my husband's voice
but I could not see him. Everything
about me was so beautiful and almost
at once it began snowing little tiny
bits of cream colored paper. Soft,
sweet music commenced in the air. I
did not know what it all meant. The
faster the pieces of paper fell the larger
they became and the louder the
music played. The pieces grew to the
size of dimes and as I turned my face
down the hill saw a large piece com-
ing toward me so I put out my hand
and caught it. Then I cried out for
everybody to get ready for the world
was coming to an end. The sky was
so blue and little dots of clouds were
here and there.

All at once I heard a great roaring
and looking up I saw a drove of pretty
little birds making a very loud noise
as they flew over. Just behind them
was a bird which looked as large as
a turkey. I said, "Lord, why is there
only one large bird?" and a voice
came out of the skies saying, "This
one is the Captain of the band."

Then I awoke.

Mary E. Sampler,
Arcadia, Fla.

INTERPRETATION

Dear Sister in Christ:

I received your dream and am send-
ing you what God shows me.

Matt. 7:14 shows the way you were
traveling. Your experience was a
mountain top experience and you were
almost to the top. The voice you
thought was your husband's (if you
are the bride of Christ) was the voice
of Jesus. The bits of paper are the
words of God you have been getting
from time to time. The messages of
salvation are like music to the soul.
Oh, what joy and peace in the sweet
cestasy of the soul made pure in Je-
sus' blood.

As the message gets larger the music
gets louder. They get so large that
we can see the near approach of Je-
sus. We see the signs fulfilled and we
begin to preach the coming of Jesus.
Then we hear the mighty roaring of
the Baptism of the Holy Ghost and
oh, such music as they do make as
they sing and shout and talk in
tongues. Referring to the time of the
end Jesus said, "For whosoever the
carcase is, there will the eagles be
gathered together." Matt. 24:28.

So your dream is on the coming of
Jesus and the last days. So get ready,
He will soon be coming. We are get-
ting messages of salvation and the lat-
ter rain of the Holy Ghost. I think
you can see this. Keep true, stay hum-
ble and lean on His strong arm.

Your unworthy sister,
Ida McCoy,
Arcley, Ala.

FASTING AND PRAY- ER WILL BRING GREAT RESULTS

J. R. Moxley

To All of God's People:
My dear beloved, there is something
very important bearing on my mind
and has been for some time. It seems
as if I were almost unable to handle
this subject but by the help of God I
will do my best for I know that some-
thing must be done and I feel it my
duty to do all I can for the Lord. This
message must go and I am sure it will
go with a heart full of love.

I know nothing more important in
these last days than to fast and pray.

As we take up this subject we will
first notice that our great King fasted
forty days and nights. Matt. 4:2. Be-
loved, it seems to me that I can al-
most see Jesus fasting and praying
while He was in the wilderness to be
tempted by Satan. But surely He had
a great purpose for this great fast and
I am almost persuaded to believe that
it was according to God's will in order
that He might be able to overcome.
Surely, it was a chosen fast of God as
Jesus came to do the Father's will
and He did no sin neither was guile
found in His mouth.

Beloved, this subject is so important
that I can feel the presence of God.
He is surely leading. I can not feel
free without warning people.

We find one great purpose of fast-
ing and praying recorded in the fifty-
eighth chapter of Isaiah.

"Is it such a fast that I have cho-
sen? a day for a man to afflict his
soul? Is it to bow down his head as a
bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and
ashes under him? Will thou call this a
fast, and an acceptable day to the
Lord?" Isaiah 58:5.

Hallelujah! What a great thing it
is to be in connection with God's pre-
cious Word. A fast that God has cho-
sen; a day for a man to afflict his soul,
to bow down his head, in other words,
to get humble which is just what God
wants us to do and what we must do
if we eat the good of the land.

I hope that this article will help
some one or many. If I did not ex-
pect some one to profit by this mes-
sage I would not spend my time in
this way, but I believe that some one
will heed because I am giving you His
Word and He says that His Word will
not return unto Him void. Surely, it
will bring forth fruit.

How I love every one of you, tongue
cannot express. It seems that I can't
get to preach much at present except
through the Evangel, but I sure do
like to give warning in some way.
Now, back to this great subject.

In Isaiah 58:6 we find, "Is not this
the fast that I have chosen? to loose
the bands of wickedness, to undo the
heavy burdens, and to let the oppres-
sed go free, and that ye break every
yoke?" and in the seventh verse we
find some more important Scripture:

"Is it not to deal thy bread to the
hungry, and that thou bring the poor
that are cast out to thy house? when
thou seest the naked, that thou cover
him; and that thou hide not thyself
from him; and that thou hide not thy-
self from thine own flesh?" Hallelujah!

It will help clothe the naked and feed
the hungry. This subject gets more
interesting the farther I go.

Praise God, the Lord's chosen fast
is the kind that suits me. This and
a prayer, that is according to will,
shaken together and well mixed as
the Word teaches will bring great re-
sults. I am sure somebody will be
benefited.

As I think about the great necessity
of fasting and praying, my mind runs
back to a certain time when a man
had a son possessed with a demon
which caused him to fall into the
fire and water, and the man said,
"Lord, have mercy on my son: for he
is lunatic, and sore vexed: for oft-
times he falleth into the fire, and oft-
times into the water. And I brought him
to thy disciples, and they could not cure
him." Matt. 17:15, 16. Surely, some-
thing was lacking. This man had al-
ready carried his son to the disciples
but they could not cure him so there
must have been something lacking.

Think about a demon that Jesus' dis-
ciples could not cast out or cure. Be-
loved, do you get the thought? Some-
thing must be done and in order to
do this we must do as the Word teach-
es.

"Then Jesus answered and said, O
faithless and perverse generation, how
long shall I be with you? how long
shall I suffer you? bring him hither to
me." Matt. 17:17. Notice that He
called them a faithless and perverse
generation just as those disciples were
while Jesus was on earth. I do not
mean to hurt anyone's feelings but
to help you and all I can say to help
you is a great pleasure to me and I
say it with love to the upbuilding of
the kingdom and especially to help
the great Church of God because I
love her and her governments. I am
sure that none of us would think it
strange to be called a faithless and
perverse generation if something were
lacking. No, it seems that I can al-
most hear somebody say, "I want more
faith." If so, let us get in touch with
his precious Word again. "And Jesus
rebuked the devil; and he departed
out of him: and the child was cured
from that very hour." Matt. 17:18.

Something had taken place. The
demon or devil was rebuked, cast out
and the child cured instantly. What
had been done? Some fasting and
praying. O, how I love the Word.

"Then came the disciples to Jesus a-
part, and said, why could not we cast
him out?" They wanted to know why
they could not cast him out but the
great King did not hesitate about giv-
ing them an answer. His reply was,
"Because of your unbelief." "How-
beit this kind goeth not out but by
prayer and fasting." Matt. 17:21.

Prayer and fasting is the only way to
cast out a demon like that and I am
persuaded that He is the same God
now that He was then and so it will
take the same work to cast them out
now as it did then.

We must begin to realize that the
coming of Jesus is not long off and
when we want to do great things, this
will help us to do a part of them. I hope
we will be able to do more fasting and

praying in the future. I do not mean
to hurt anyone's feelings but I have
heard some people say that they never
did feel led to fast but I do not
understand why, when Jesus told the
disciples of John and the Pharisees to.

"But the days will come, when the
bridegroom shall be taken away from
them, and then shall they fast in
those days." Mark 2:20. We notice
in the nineteenth verse of the same
chapter where he says, "Can the chil-
dren of the bridechamber fast, while
the bridegroom is with them? As long
as they have the bridegroom, with
them, they can not fast." This plainly
tells us that they could not fast while
Jesus was with them, but after
he was taken away, then, they
would fast. Surely this is the
time of which He was speaking
for He has been taken away. More
fasting and praying is the thought
that I want you to get. Pray for me.

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RELIGIOUS VOWS

M. E. Stephens

"Pay thy vows to the most High."

One proof of human depravity is
our proneness to neglect religious
duties, hence, the numerous charges
which the Scriptures urge against
God's people for the sin of negligence.

Jacob, who perhaps was as pious as
any of his day, on his way to Padan-
aram, after his very remarkable
vision, vowed a vow saying, "If God
will be with me, and will keep me in
this way that I go, and will give me
bread to eat, and raiment to put on,
so that I come again to my father's
house in peace; then shall the Lord
be my God: And this stone, which I
have set for a pillar, shall be God's
house; and of all that thou shalt give
me I will surely give the tenth unto
thee." Gen. 28:20-22. According to
His proposition the Lord was with
him and gave him a family and large
possessions in Padan-aram where he
stayed for many years, then over-
ruled his enemies and brought him
back in peace to his own country. But
instead of worshipping God and giving
Him the tenth of all his treasures, he
went to Shalem and erected an altar
there where he was visited with sore
trials for his ingratitude to God.

After this God said unto Jacob,
"Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell
there: and make there an altar unto

THE TRUTH

Elmer Wigginton

We find in Proverbs 23:23, "Buy the truth and sell it not." Praise God! David said, "Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth." Ps. 86:11. Now we want to know about the truth so we can say with David, "I will walk in thy truth."

Jesus tells Thomas in Jno. 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Now, it is getting clear to us all that we are saved by the truth. We notice, however, that truth goes on and we find in Jno. 17 when Jesus was praying to the Father, He says, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." So we see that this wonderful experience comes through the truth. But, please notice, it doesn't stop here.

In Jno. 14:15-17, we see, "If ye love me, keep my commandments. And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive." We notice that the Comforter is the Holy Ghost. Now we see that conversion, sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost are all by the truth. In Jno. 15:26 we find that the Holy Ghost the Spirit of truth is going to testify or talk. I sure love the truth.

Back in Paul's time, it seems as if there were some people who did not understand or would not take heed to the truth, so we hear him say, "O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?" Gal. 3:1. We also find that there were some people walking in the truth, "I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father." 2 Jno. 4. Now we notice from the above that it was a commandment from the Father to walk in the truth.

In John 16:13, Jesus says, "Howbeit when he, the spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth." Now we see this wasn't all of the truth but the Holy Ghost is going to lead us into all of it. So we hurry on and find Paul instructing Timothy, "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." May God bless you all. Amen.

IN MEMORY OF

GOUGER

The death angel visited the home of Brother C. C. Gouger and claimed his loving wife Joca Gouger on May 3rd, 1921, age 33 years, 4 months and 4 days.

Sister Gouger was the daughter of David and Aereances Campbell, and married Brother C. C. Gouger in the year 1902. And to them three children were born. She joined the Church of God in 1917 and was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. She lived a happy and faithful Christian life until death. She was also a faithful wife and a loving mother.

She leaves to mourn her death a husband, three children, a daughter of eighteen years, the son fourteen and a little girl just thirteen days old, two brothers, two sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer and her remains were laid to rest in the Shelmont cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

Her pastor,
F. M. Cook,
Whiteside, Tenn.

ECARD

The death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Duch Laura Ecard of Whitwell, Tenn. and claimed their little darling Gracie, age four years.

He was just budding on earth to bloom in heaven. Everything was done that hands could do, but God knew best and took little Gracie home to live with Him. Everybody loved little Gracie he was such a sweet little child.

The funeral service was conducted by the writer, and the little body was laid to rest in the Walker cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.

We loved him, O, we loved him,
But Jesus loved him best;
That is why He took him,
To be with him at rest.

The golden gates were opened wide,
And a gentle voice said come;
The angels from the other side
Welcome dear little Gracie home.

Harriett Turner,
Whitwell, Tenn.

CHAMBERS

The death angel visited the home of Sister Joseph Chambers in Nov. 1920 in Jamaica and claimed her loving husband Joseph Chambers.

He leaves to mourn his death a wife and little son, one brother, four sisters and a host of friends.

He was a wonderful man of God and hundreds of souls were saved through him. It was wonderful to see the gathering of people around his corpse weeping his loss. He was laid to rest beside his parents.

Faithful prayers have tried to save him,
Sighs and tears was all in vain;
Happy angels came and bore him,
And we'll never see him again.

One who loved him,
Rudolph C. Smith,
Jamaica

EBERLAND

Sister Alice Eberland departed this life Tuesday April 19th, 1921.

She was a great mother to all the saints in Evansville, Ind. How we will miss her, tongue can never tell. But we sorrow not as those that have no hope, for we hope to meet her on that bright and shining shore some sweet day, where there will be no more sorrow, no more pain, no more death, but all will be joy and happiness.

Sister Eberland had the blessed Holy Ghost for sixteen years and was

a true and faithful member of the Church of God.

She leaves a husband, some children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her death. She was laid to rest in the Locust Hill cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

W. M. Gist,
19 Park St.,
Evansville, Ind.

MILLICAN

On April 27th, 1921, the death angel visited the home of Brother Paul Millican of Lindale, Ga. and claimed his loving wife, Agnes Millican.

She was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and a member of the great Church of God. She was true and faithful and trusted the Lord until the end. She was a faithful and loving mother and died shouting the victory. While she suffered much, she was patient and wanted the Lord's will to be done.

She leaves to mourn her death several brothers and sisters and a host of friends.

One who loved her,
Bessie Loney,
Lindale, Ga.

LILES

The death angel visited our home and claimed our grandmother, Virginia Liles.

Everything was done that hands could do but God knew best and called her home to be with Him. She was loved by all who knew her. And was a faithful mother and grandmother. She gladly gave her life that her children might be saved.

Farewell, dear mother, rest—Sweet Rest.
Weary and worn with pain,
Farewell till in that happy place;
We shall see thy sweet face again.

Over the river, mother is there,
Fair as the morning free from all care,
Free from all sorrow, grief and despair,
Waiting and watching patiently there.

Our precious mother's gone to that clime;
Waits for children coming sometime,
Safe with the angels, whiter than snow.

Jesus the Savior, bright morning Star,
Looks for her loved ones—they must not stray afar;
Hear the glad message, say do not roam,
Jesus is calling her children—meet her at home.

Her niece,
Myrtle Callaway,
Wheat Craft, Ky.

NOTICES

We would like for some good preacher of the real Church of God to come to Gainesville, Fla. This is a good new place to work and we have no holiness churches of any kind here. This is a city of about nine or ten thousand in population and we think it is a good place for a good preacher who knows how to handle beginners. We would like for some good preacher who is interested to write us.

H. J. Spell,
W. B. Barnhill,
Gainesville, Fla.

The Church of God at Mountain City, Ga. wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Brother Frank Dover and Sister Iner Wooten.

Jesse Rogers, district overseer,
Mountain City, Ga.

If any one knows the whereabouts of Mr. George Guiser please send me his address.

Randy Ayers,
Russellville, Ala.

The Church of God at Campaign, Tenn. would like to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of Mary Trogless, Estella Tuter, Mary E. Carter and Will Simmons.

S. D. Walling (clerk),
Campaign, Tenn.

A tabernacle meeting will be conducted at Boaz, Ala. May 28, to June 21, 1921. T. L. McLain and wife, Brother and Sister Heath and the writer will have charge of the meeting. Also others have promised to assist. We solicit the prayers of all the saints that God will bless and save souls in this meeting.

Brother R. E. A. Bridge, a member of the Baptist church, has erected a wooden tabernacle under which the meeting will be conducted. We especially invite all the saints who are in reach of this place to attend as much as possible, as we have no Church of God members there. Every body invited to attend.

Yours for souls,
J. B. Ellis.

I have a good round fifty ft. tent for sale. If anyone wants a good tent I will sell them one for seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Write me at once.

J. W. Jackson,
Rome, Ga.

A tent meeting will begin at Fayetteville, N. C. between Victory and Puritan Cotton mills. We are expecting Brother L. M. Howell and G. T. Stargel to be in charge of the meeting, also many other workers. We will be glad to have anyone who wants to be in the meeting here. Come! this is a new field.

J. A. West,
W. E. Turnage,
Lake Dale, N. C.

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REQUESTS

Mrs. Clara Jenkinson, requests prayer for her husband.

Ida May Payne, Crescent, Okla., requests prayer to be saved and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Anna Steelmon, Pleasant Hill, Tenn. requests prayer that she may be free in worshipping the Lord.

Mrs. Sophia Bennett, Pearl River, La. requests prayer for her husband and brother that they may be saved.

Mrs. Belle Smith, Cherry Valley, Ark. requests prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost soon.

Theo. D. Miller, Philadelphia, Pa. requests special prayer to be healed and be purified by the blood of Jesus.

Mrs. C. B. Barton, Ardwall, W. Va. requests prayer for her husband to be sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. W. M. Fultz, Carbin, Ky. requests prayer for her husband and sons to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. F. C. Butcher, Whitesboro, Texas. requests prayer to be healed of kidney trouble and for her husband to be saved and receive the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Julia Callaway, Wheat Craft, Ky. requests prayer that she may receive the Holy Ghost and for her husband to be saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Mr. C. B. Simmons, Tampa, Fla. requests prayer that he may be reclaimed and become a member of the Church of God. Also pray that his wife will receive the Holy Ghost.

REPORTS

Brother J. C. Padgett and myself have just closed a week's meeting at Perry, Fla. with Sister Mattie Pope organizer. Brother Padgett preached most of the time. The Lord blessed in giving out the word of truth. There were about six or eight saved, one sanctified and one baptized with the Holy Ghost. Pray much for us that God will give us many souls for our labor, reports John T. Scott, Lake Park, Ga.

We have just closed a three weeks meeting here at Manatee, Fla. with good results. Our pastor J. P. Hughes in charge with Brother F. J. Lee assisting him. The word was given out in love and power and many are looking this way. Good music was rendered by Brother Hughes and wife and Brother Lee and wife on the saxophone and piano which was enjoyed by all.

There were ten saved, six sanctified, two received the Holy Ghost, five baptized in water and five added to the church. Eternity alone can reveal the good that was done. The church was revived, the saints encouraged to press onward. Manatee was made better by this meeting.

We are expecting great things from the Lord this year. The meeting closed with several at the altar.
Arch Williams, clera,
Manatee, Fla.

"O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation." Ps. 95:1.

We feel like praying aloud and continually when we realize how God is blessing and answering prayer. We must let others know and help them to look up.

All of our work is progressing here. Brother Stephens is a faithful shepherd and with his deacons and local Evangelists, Sanders, Martin and Keen is upheld by all the good members. God is placing his approval by great power and manifestations of the Holy Ghost and souls are being saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the great Church of God.

On Easter Sunday we had a great day here. Oh, the sweet children, young people and old people all in line, singing, speaking, marching, praising God; for Jesus our Lord and King is risen.

That night, seven were taken in fellowship in the Church. The following Sunday we had a wonderful baptizing in the river near the church and that night we took the Lord's supper and had feet washing.

The house was crowded and the altar full of seekers every service. Many are seeing and accepting this great way of salvation. Praise God!

Every Sunday at the close of the school we have an offering for the needy and as we march the power falls many times. Our good Brother Turner told us about the Sunday School at Cleveland and we felt like we could advance also. We appreciate having Brother Turner and family among us but they feel called back to Tennessee.

Last Thursday night, a young man who had been seeking full salvation for several weeks, received the victory and while under the power he spoke in tongues and several received the interpretation. With both hands lifted and his fingers pointing to heaven, he said, "Get ready! Get ready! Jesus is coming soon. Pray! You had better pray, for if you are not ready you will go down to hell. You have too many Gods. There is only ONE God."

As we knelt in prayer, the power of God went from one to another until every saint present was leaping, crying and shouting. Oh, how anxious God is to help us and do more abundantly than we can ask for or think.

Our prayer day was a Feast day. Glory to God! From the time the Evangel made the call to prayer I am sure every one here heeded and when Sunday came it seemed that the very heavens opened upon us as we knelt in prayer at 12 o'clock. That night

we had a wonderful altar service.

God is putting his approval on the Sunday School as we look deeper into His Word. I feel like exhorting all the saints to go deeper and expect greater works from God and be ready for His coming.

Rosa B. Murphy,
Tampa, Fla.

PRAYER

M. A. Cohee

Prayer is the subject of a little message I am bringing before the readers of the Evangel. We have had good lessons on prayer in the Evangel very recently. I shall not attempt to add anything to that but I want to remind the saints of God what God's Word says about prayer.

This is truly a great subject and one that should claim our attention, especially since we are living in such perilous times. I attended the funeral of a friend recently and at the conclusion of his sermon knelt and read his closing prayer from a prayer book. I'm sure this is not God's way, neither is it His will that we read our prayers out of a prayer book. God spoke to us through our beloved Brother, Paul, the great apostle, saying, "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Eph. 6:18. This text does not teach us that we shall read our prayers out of a prayer book but it does teach us that our prayers and supplications must be in the Spirit of God.

God through His divine Spirit will an does teach us when and how to pray and what to pray for. Praise the Lord! In the text above we find the word supplication used twice. This is a very significant word and means humble, earnest entreaty. We must come to God in an humble manner if we expect God to grant our petition. He says He resists the proud in heart. There were two people who stood up and prayed to God one time, one a Pharisee, the other a publican. God heard and answered the prayer of the poor publican but disregarded the prayer of the Pharisee entirely. Why was this? It was because one prayer was offered in an humble earnest spirit while the other prayer was offered in a proud and haughty spirit. May the Lord help us to so come to God that He will hear and answer our prayers.

I believe the ministers and members of the great Church of God as a whole are a praying people. In 1919 I had the privilege of attending a meeting conducted by a minister of the Church of God and we roomed together every night for about a week and I learned why the Lord was blessing this minister so much and giving him such good success in his gospel work. Souls were saved under his ministry; it was because he arose at five o'clock in the morning and he prayed and wrestled with God till about six o'clock.

Beloved, God wants us as His precious saints to pray more than we do. I feel sure all of us are praying some but we can pray more. May the Lord bless us as we give ourselves to prayer and fasting, and to the performance of every duty God has enjoined upon us.

The Difference

G. W. Howell

The plan of salvation is the same as a contract. A contractor pledges himself to do all the work specified and do it according to the plan set before him. The Boss promises to help him if he finds anything that puzzles him. With the plan before him and a promise of the help by the Boss he feels sure that he can make good and receive the promised reward.

As he goes on farther with the work he becomes more familiar with it and can get along with very little effort. He then becomes indifferent and careless and going to one part of his job he says, "I don't see any use following the plan on this little thing when I can do it just as well my way and it won't cause me so much work." So he does it his way. The next week he does the same thing at another place and finally goes without the plan fixing things according to his idea of how they should be fixed. The Boss rarely comes around because he knows that if the contractor does not go according to the plan he won't have to pay him.

The contractor goes on doing things according to his own ideas until one day the Boss comes around. The Boss sees the way he has been doing although the other people did not know the difference. So the Boss refuses to give the contractor the reward he expected. When these kind of people go to the judgment, the "Boss" will say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity." How will they feel then when they know all the time that they were not walking in the light (in other words, following the plan)?

Now, dear reader, let us notice the difference between that kind of contractor and this one. He goes to work, following the plan just as it is. He walks in all the light he has. When he sees the light on government, he accepts it because it is part of the plan. When he sees in the specifications (the Bible), "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house," he begins paying tithes according to the plan. He does not leave off anything the plan calls for nor try to run things to suit himself.

When he sees the light on the Church of God he gets into it. Then the plan tells him to bring up his children in the way they should go and when they became old they would not depart from it so he takes his children to Sunday-school and tries to start them right.

As he goes on he grows more familiar with the work but he does not grow careless but carries out the plan to the very letter assured that he will get the promised reward if he keeps on.

By this time I think you can readily see who will make a safe landing. Beloved, if we will do all the Plan calls for and walk in all the light we have,

"Give Earnest Heed . . . Lest at Any Time We Should Let Them Slip."

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Oh how bad you feel when you are asked some question about the Bible and about the Church of God in reply you are forced to say, "I do not know."

What about it, are you going to continue in this way? "Be ready always" to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you."

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when the time comes we shall be like Him for we shall see Him face to face.

I have written this little article in the hope that it will do someone some good for I regret to say that these conditions exist today. Amen.

Jesus the Great Physician

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I am praising God for full salvation, for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost over a year ago. Thank the Lord. I am not tired of this glorious way yet, but it grows sweeter and sweeter day by day.

Glory to God! I am so glad that I can serve a God that can heal my body every time I am taken sick. Praise His name, He can make you well without medicine. I had a severe attack of stomach trouble a few weeks ago and I sent a handkerchief to Brother Tomlinson to pray over and anoint with oil. Just before I received the handkerchief I had a bad spell, I thought my time had come for a while. My husband laid the handkerchief on me and prayed. I soon got better and the next morning I felt like I was well and healed of the stomach trouble. I now can eat most anything I want when before I received the handkerchief I could not eat anything much without it hurt me.

O, how I praise God for His wonderful healing power. I feel like traveling on. Praise His holy name!

I want all the saints to pray for me to stay humble and do the Lord's will. Also pray for my brothers and sisters to be saved before it is too late. O, how it grieves me to see people keep putting off salvation and going on in sin. How I regret that I didn't seek the Lord before I did.

How glad I am that I belong to the dear Church of God, I love her governments and mean to stay in it until the Lord comes or calls. I attended the last Assembly which was my first opportunity and it was almost like heaven to me.

Your sister looking for Jesus,
Mrs. Mae Busham,
Whiteside, Tenn.

Telling About This Wonderful Way

Dear Saints of the Lord:

I want to sound a note of praise to my great Redeemer for what He has done for me. He saved me when I was thirteen years old and I joined the Baptist Church and lived a Baptist life till one year ago last March when the dear Lord sanctified me. Praise His name! Then Sept. 5, 1920 he baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I sure feel like going all the way with Jesus. I love the dear Lord for giving me this blessing. Glory!

I have two daughters who are sanctified and are seeking the Holy Ghost.

but I have four sons who are in sin and I want all the saints to help me pray for them that they will get this blessing. My husband has had the Holy Ghost for seven years and we go around telling the people about this good way of Holiness and about Jesus in our weak way but Jesus said He would make us strong. Praise His good name!

How I love to tell about His sweet love and power. We are in a place where they don't believe in being sanctified and living above sin in this life but we are telling the story and one has been sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The Lord can work and none can hinder. Praise His name!

Your sister in Jesus,
Julia Bandy,
Philadelphia, Tenn.

Jesus is With Her Always

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise as I have just been reading the Evangel and feel so good. Praise God! I feel like shouting and pressing on with Jesus. I feel somewhat cast off as I haven't been to a Church of God in a year because there is none here, but God has promised to be with us anywhere and Jesus is always with me. Praise God!

It is my lot to bear the cross at home while others bear theirs in foreign lands, but if Jesus is with me I can stay anywhere although I long to be with the dear saints of God and I am praying that God will send a Church of God minister over here to Lakeland and preach the true gospel. I want to see all my neighbors and everyone else saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

I have been in this way five years and, thank God, I am not a bit tired of it yet but want to get a round higher each day. Bless the little Evangel; how much joy and peace it gives me to see how God is blessing His children.

Your blood washed sister,
Lela Summer,
Lakeland, Fla.

Only Twelve Years Old

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I praise God for the good blessing He gives me from time to time. I praise God for giving me the light on His true way and for planting the determination in my heart to go all the way by His grace and help. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the precious Holy Ghost and that I can trust Him for my body as well as my soul. Pray for me that I will stay humble and do His will till He comes or calls.

Your sister under the blood,
Ethel P. Booth,
Cedar Key, Texas.

THE ORPHANAGE WORK MUST GO (Continued From Page 1)

ly, that the men looked at each other. "Going to sing there?" "Yes, sir. My mother said so. She used to sing to me until she was sick. Then she said she wasn't going to sing any more on earth, but up in heaven."

"Well—and what then?" "And then she died, sir," said the child; tears running down the dark cheek, now ominously flushed scarlet. John Harvey was silent for a few moments. Presently he said: "Well, if she died, my little girl, you may live, you know."

"Oh, no, sir! No, sir! I'd rather go there, and be with mother. Sometimes I have a dreadful pain in my side, and cough as she did. There won't be any pain up there, sir; it's a beautiful world!"

"How do you know?" faltered on the lips of the skeptic.

"My mother told me so, sir."

"Words how impressive! manner how child-like, and yet so wise!"

John Harvey had a praying mother. His chest labored for a moment—the sobs that struggled for utterance could be heard even in their lustrous eyes, like magnets, impelled his glance towards them.

"Child, you must have a pair of shoes."

John Harvey's voice was husky.

Hands were thrust in pockets, purses pulled out, and the astonished child held in her little palm more money than she had ever seen before.

"Her father is a poor, consumptive organ-grinder," whispered one. "I suppose he's too sick to be out tonight."

Along the soggy street went the child, under the protection of John Harvey, but not with shoes that drank the water at every step. Warmth and comfort were her's now. Down in the deep den-like lanes of the city walked the man a little cold hand in his. At an open door they stopped; up broken, creaking stairs they climbed. Another doorway was opened, and a wheezing voice called out of the dim arch, "Carletta!"

"O father! father! see what I have brought you! look at me! look at me!" and down went the silver, and, venting her joy, the poor child fell, crying and laughing together, into the old man's arms.

"Was he a man?"

A face dark and hollow, all overgrown with hair black as night and uncombed—a pair of wild eyes—a body bent nearly double—hands like claws.

"Did he give you all this, my child?" "They all did, father; now you shall have soup and oranges."

"Thank you, sir—I'm sick, you see—all gone, sir!—had to send the poor child out, or we'd starve. God bless you, sir! I wish I was well enough to play you a tune," and he looked wistfully towards the corner where stood the old organ, half-covered, the balze in tatters.

One month after that the two men met again as if by agreement, and walked slowly down town. Treading innumerable passages they came to the gloomy building where lived Carletta's father.

No—not lived there; for as they paused a moment out came two or three men bearing a pine coffin. In the coffin slept the old organ-grinder.

"It was very sudden, sir," said a woman, who recognized his benefactor. "Yesterday the little girl was taken sick, and it seemed as if he drooped right away. He died at six last night."

The two men went silently up stairs. The room was empty of everything save a bed, a chair and a nurse provided by John Harvey. The child lay there, not white, but pale as marble, with a strange polish on her brow.

"Well, my little one, are you better?" "Oh, no, sir; father is gone up there, and I am going."

Up there! John Harvey turned unconsciously towards his friend.

"Did you ever hear of Jesus?" asked John Harvey's friend.

"Oh, yes."

"Do you know who he was?" "Good Jesus," murmured the child. "Hawkins, this breaks me down," said John Harvey, and he placed his handkerchief to his eyes.

"Don't cry, don't cry; I can't cry I'm so glad," said the child exultingly. "What are you glad for, my dear?" asked John Harvey's friend.

"To get away from here," she said deliberately. "I used to be so cold in the winter, but mother used to hug me close and sing about heaven. Mother told me to never mind and kissed me and said if I was His, the Savior would love me and one of these days would give me a better home, and so I gave myself to Him, for I wanted a better home. And, Oh, I shall sing there and be so happy!"

With a little sigh she closed her eyes.

"Harvey, are faith and hope nothing?" asked Mr. Hawkins.

"Don't speak to me, Hawkins; to be as that little child I would give all I have."

"And to be like her you need give nothing—only your stubborn will, your skeptical doubts, and the heart that will never know rest till at the feet of Christ."

There was no answer. Presently the hands moved, the arms were raised, the eyes opened—yet, glazed though they were, they turned still upward.

"See!" she cried; "Oh, there is mother! and angels! and they are all singing." Her voice faltered, but the celestial brightness lingered yet on her face.

"There is no doubting the soul-triumph there," whispered Mr. Hawkins.

"It is wonderful," replied John Harvey, looking on both with awe and tenderness. "Is she gone?"

He sprang from his chair as if he would detain her; but the chest and forehead were marble now, the eyes had lost the fire of life; she must have died as she lay looking at them.

"She was always a sweet little thing," said the nurse softly.

John Harvey stood as if spell-bound.

There was a touch on his arm; he started.

"John," said his friend, with an affectionate look, "shall we pray?"

For a minute there was no answer—then came tears; the whole frame of the subdued skeptic shook as he said—it was almost a cry: "Yes, pray, pray!"

And from the side of the dead child went up agonizing pleadings to the throne of God. And that prayer was answered—the miracle was wrought—the lion became a lamb—the doubter a believer—the skeptic a Christian!

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GOD CALLED THEM ADAM

M. S. Lemons

"In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God created He him; male and female created He them, and called their name Adam."

The reader can easily see that Adam's first name was "Man" and Mrs. Adam's first name was "Eve". The family name was "Adam".

The man Adam and Eve Adam. Their first son's name was Cain Adam; their second, Abel Adam, and the third was Seth Adam, at which time the Adam family began to call on the name of the Lord.

There are different ones in God's family but they all have the same name, God; God the Father; God the Son, God the Holy Ghost. Or in other words God is eternal, the Son is eternal and the Holy Ghost is eternal, they are all "ONE". They all have different offices to perform to bring about the "ONE" eternal purpose. As has been said by some one, "water, snow and ice are all one but each has different functions to perform to bring about the one purpose that water is supposed to do. To dispose with water would naturally destroy snow and ice as well."

When Jesus gave the great commission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." He used the word "name" in the singular number as in the case of Adam. So I feel perfectly safe when I obey this mandate and I am very sure that no eternal criticism could come to me for so doing.

Jesus did not say to baptize them in the "names" of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, but in the "name." Nothing could be plainer. All of Adam's sons were Adam and even his wife's name was Adam. The argument that some are putting on the quotation at Acts 2:38, where Peter said to baptize in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, was to get the unbelieving Jews to recognize Jesus as well as the Father. It seems foolish to throw away the name God, because the unbelieving Jews rejected the name of Jesus. There is no other argument. We recognize one as same as the other, all in their recognized position. I would be ashamed to face the one having discarded the other.

Paul introduced the "Church of God" to this ungodly world under its recognized title, "giving honor to whom honor is due," and yet the world is trying to honor the creature a great deal more than the Creator. What will God say to such people who persist in belittling His holy name, and taking from Him, His holy name, which cost the blood of Jesus Christ. Are they giving honor to whom honor is due?

Did the word come to you or did it come out from you? Who has a right at any time to change God's Word? Read it like it is and obey it the same way and you will find favor with God and man.

"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto you. And him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." Well, that prophet said to baptize them in the "name" of the Father, and in the "name" of the Son, and in the "name" of the Holy Ghost. Those who do differently, very from the required rule The Holy Ghost honors the Son and the Son honors the Father. Why should we not do the same?

Jesus honors His Father with His whole administration and eventually gives His entire life's earnings to His Father that God may be "All in All." Amen.

Healed From Two Large Cancers

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to praise God and tell others about the wonderful works of God that have been manifested in my life during the past week or two.

About a week ago, I was taken very ill, unable to do anything but suffer intensive pain. A doctor was called to examine my case and after an examination, he advised me to go to the hospital for an operation. Immediately the next morning I was prepared and was taken to the St. John's Hospital; there I was examined by two of the best surgical doctors in town. Both doctors told me that my case was beyond human aid and could not be reached by knife or medicine; also that I had only a short time here.

I was then carried home to die. But I believed in my heart that God could heal me, so at once I sent for some Church of God people; Brother Cotnam and Brother J. M. Viney and wife came and prayed for me according to James 5:14, and God wonderfully saved me and healed my body. Praise His great and holy name!

When He healed me two large can-

cers broke loose from my body and fell out. Praise God forever! I have been improving ever since, and now I am able to do my work and visit my neighbors and tell them of the wonderful love of God and His mighty power to heal.

I am determined by the grace and help of God to go all the way in His footsteps. I am a widow with six children and I need your prayers that God will provide my needs and keep me true and humble.

Your sister in Him,
Mrs. Lizzie Portner,
Castle Rock, Mo.

THE CHRISTIAN'S ARMOR AND THE RESULTS OF PRAYER

Bert H. Doss

The Apostle Paul in the sixth chapter of Ephesians urged the brethren to put on the whole armor of God. Evidently, he understood that the Christian life was a warfare, fierce and hard. The struggle is a deadly one and for the forces of right there is no alternative. No terms of peace can be entered upon by way of diplomacy. Therefore, he that enters God's army must do so with the intention of fighting to the very last.

The two great forces in deadly combat are the forces of right and the forces of wrong. The forces of wrong greatly outnumber the forces of right, hence the need of God's soldiers having on the full armor.

It was not just necessary for the Ephesians to be strong and capable of meeting the opposers, but we also, must be able to meet ours. God can not use moral weaklings. In Ephesians 6:12, we are told why the Christian must be strong: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." Brother, these are our foes, the enemies of God and the right and it will take men and women of moral strength and character to overcome them. No half-made decisions will stand the test. Physical strength is not the element that will overthrow the rules of darkness of this world; it will take mental discipline, spiritual powers and moral force to do it.

These are the elements referred to in the apostle's text, "Be strong." "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness." Eph. 6:14.

Truth and righteousness are very essential to the Christian warrior. With these principles he can overcome. He is on the way to a glorious victory for all heaven is behind him. He has nothing to fear and there is no evil force equal to the power he has at his command, for God is standing back of him.

Beloved, I feel the mighty working of God's power in my body now.

Verse fifteen, we may say, indicates purpose without which all else would be worthless. A man without a purpose is like a ship without a propeller; he may possess power but be unable to use it to any advantage.

"Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked." Eph. 6:16. When other things fail, faith takes hold and we can stand still and keep believing.

Last but not least, the Christian must pray: Read Verse 18. Prayer is the Christian's safeguard, his messenger that brings help from God when the enemy is trying to overwhelm us. When everything else has failed, prayer will win the battle. When the clouds of discouragement overshadow you, then pray and it will drive them away. When life has lost its charms and there seems nothing left to live for, just pray and God will scatter the gloom.

Though heavy the clouds may hang over your soul and your coming days seem dark; prayer will clear everything away. Thousands of poor souls grope in the dark in the very jaws of despair when one hour of earnest prayer would let a flood of heavenly sunlight into their benighted souls and transform them. Prayer will put the downcast person on his feet again. Prayer heals the wounds of the broken hearted when loved ones forsake or when the dearest to our hearts turn away from us or are taken to realms beyond. Prayer alone can mend the broken hearts.

When life's problems become so complex that human wisdom is completely baffled, then remember this scripture "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally."

When life's difficulties outweigh your capabilities; when there seems to be no possible solution to the quandries of today or the mysteries of tomorrow; where your burdens seem harder than you can bear, then pray to God and He will come to your assistance.

Prayer will heal the sick, save the lost, conquer the devil, bring wisdom and patience and give peace of soul and mind.

If you want a good revival just pray earnestly and incessantly and you will have a good revival. Now, beloved, let us pray one for another and may God bless you all in my prayer.

THE BIBLE CHURCH
AND HER GOVERNMENT

E. L. Pinley

As I start this subject at the hour of three in the morning, it seems that I have more seal and courage to write than ever before. Although there have been many people who have written on this line, it seems too much almost for me to undertake to show the Bible Church and her government, but there are new members being added to our Evangel family each day and I will endeavor to show

some one our reason for talking church and government so much.

First, we want to get some scriptures before you on the Church and government. In Matt. 18:13 we read, "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." This is enough to prove that there was to be a church built for Jesus said so.

Now the next question is to locate it in the Scriptures by its name and see whether it is in heaven or on earth and what kind of government it has.

Its name and location and the kind of people that are its members are the next things we wish to find. I say that her name is the Church of God but what Scriptural reason do I have for calling it by that name? For one reason, there is no other name in the Bible that applies to the church. It is called the Church of God eleven times in the New Testament alone and not one time it is called the Baptist or the Presbyterian or the Assembly of God or the Pentecost Holiness or the Lutheran, in fact, it is always called the Church of God.

Now some may say, "Well all the churches are the Churches of God." Now let's see if that will do. Is there any other church that takes the government of the Bible? We can only find the Bible Church by its name and the signs and government in it. Then some one says that there are many churches called the Church of God. I admit that, but do they fill the standard for the Bible Church of God? I have begun to realize that it is time for God's people to get straight on this subject of church and government.

I am frank to admit that the Bible speaks of an assembly of God, but what is that but a multitude of God's people gathered together. It also speaks of the assemblies of the world which means a number of worldly people gathered together. The word assembly does not always apply to the church. The word church means an associate body of Christians. The word associate means to join in company or unite in one mass closely connected. The word join means to bring together, to unite or link.

We also love the word Pentecostal Holiness and believe it and we are of the Pentecostal Holiness but it does not necessarily apply to the Bible church as holiness means a clean life and church is government. Now, it is plain enough for anyone to see that there is but one Church of God. Why not all Christians get in this church?

Let us get some Scriptures about the way the church should act. First, it is subject to Christ, Eph. 5:24. I wonder how it could be subject to Him if it were some other name besides what the Bible gives it. Second the church has no contentious folks. 1 Cor. 11:16. How could it be the Bible church and contending for some name or doctrine that is not in the Bible. In 1 Cor. 5:13, we find where it says to put the wicked out of the church. Could we have a Bible church and let people come in and live as they please? Tell me of a church outside the Church of God with headquarters at Cleveland, Tennessee, that takes pride in keeping its church clean from all wicked folks.

We have some people that claim to be Church of God people but who despise government, and who do not believe in having a church record. What will we do with this Scripture? "And then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name." Mal. 3:16. In 2 Peter we are told that some will despise government. There are people who say that we are too strict in receiving members. I sometimes think that it is easier to get members in than it is to get them out when they are not fit subjects to be in.

Others say that we raise the standard so high that the people can't reach it. I admit that it is high but a Bible church without spot or wrinkle must have a higher standard than any that has been raised since the Apostles age except what the Church of God is now raising. Please read the following Scriptures and see what you think the church should be:

John 7:4, "For there is no man that doeth anything in secret, and he himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou do these things, shew thyself to the world."

John 18:20, "Jesus answered him, I spake openly to the world; I ever taught in the synagogue, and in the temple, whither the Jews always resort; and in secret have I said nothing."

Matt. 24:26, "Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not."

Eph. 5:12, "For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

Gal. 5:19, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness."

We are against the use of tobacco, also unnecessary jewelry, secret orders, adultery and such like because the Bible condemns it. If I am not mistaken, the Church of God must be pure to be in the bride of Christ.

It is time for God's people to come together on the Bible and not on our opinions. Heaven and earth my pass away but the Word will not. Dear reader, I was once a fighter of government and for six years I thought I was right in doing so but I finally found myself fighting against God, so I advise anyone to be careful as the time is so short.

I can say that the Church of God has the only Bible system of government in taking in members and excluding members, also tithing. I am sure I can't find any other name for the church in God's Word. If you know of one, I want the chapter and verse for I am an earnest seeker and besides I can't find a Bible church without government.

Paul persecuted the church and some people do today. She has stood many hard knocks but she is still growing. Take warning, brothers and sisters, especially the Pentecostal people, be careful how you reject the Church of God for it is certainly the church that God has prepared for your escape from the mark of the beast, that I feel sure thousands will take who draw back, fight government and refuse to take council with God's people. We have come to do you good if you will let us.

Please don't turn the government of God's Bible down for the time is short and you can see that this world is fast coming to an end. Be sure to investigate the government of the Church of God before you condemn it. You may have heard that this is just a new church started up in Pentecost but I tell you that it is the oldest Pentecost movement of this later day. Others say that we have a man standing at the head who runs everything. In answer to this I wish to say that we have the only church on earth today, that I know of, that is run by the whole body with the Holy Ghost leading and not a man to dictate. Where is a church outside the Church of God that does business in this way?

Some say that we have discipline. We have no discipline but the Word of God. How many other churches do you know of which do not have discipline outside the Bible? Dear reader, please read and examine before you condemn the Church of God. If you find that we have the Bible on every line, come on and let's fight the devil, get in the Bible Church, be one of the bride and go and meet Jesus.

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JESUS IS COMING
SOON

Mrs. Willie Jefferies

Jesus is coming soon and how will it be with you?

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Dan. 12:4.

There has been a dark age when man did not have very much knowledge of God's Word, but in the evening time there shall be light. God has revealed His Word to His people and the true light now shineth. "And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are closed up, and sealed till the time of the end." Dan. 12:9.

"And as it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all." Luke 17:26, 27.

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." 2 Thes. 2:3. Read also 1 Thes. 5:1-4 and Jas. 3:7.

"Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be." Matt. 24:26, 27.

"Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh." Matt. 24:43.

"And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him." Matt. 25:6.

"Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them." Luke 12:37.

"And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be." Rev. 22:12.

Read Matt. 24:43.

In Matt. 24:14 we find, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

Now, dear readers, I have given a few Scriptures pointing to the coming of our great King and what manner of men we ought to be. We can see that almost every sign has been fulfilled and His Gospel is going fast to all the world, then the end shall come.

Let us hurry and tell people about this great salvation that will prepare them for that great day. Oh, how I wish I could go more and more and tell about the great love God has put in my heart for this lost world. Pray for this place.

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